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SUBJECT: PROTEST SENT TO MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS

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1. I SENT MINISTER OF SOCIAL COMMUNICATIONS CORREIA JESUINO A STRONG LETTER ON THE A CAPITAL ARTICLE REPORTED REFTEL. WITHIN THREE HOURS JESUINO WAS ON THE PHONE TO ME TELLING ME I WAS EXACTLY RIGHT AND THAT I SHOULD FILE A FORMAL PROTEST SEEKING ACTION UNDER THE PRESS LAW. HE THEN ISSUED FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE:

"THE DAILY NEWSPAPER A CAPITAL IN ITS ISSUE OF THE 26TH OF MARCH PUBLISHED AN ARTICLE WITH THE HEADLINE "THE CIA IS ACTIVE IN PORTUGAL--THE PORTUGUESE LIBERATION ARMY (ELP) IS A MASK FOR INTERVENTION," IN WHICH SERIOUS ACCUSATIONS AGAINST THE UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR IN PORTUGAL HAVE BEEN CREATED. ALTHOUGH THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL COMMUNICATIONS HAS ALREADY HAD OCCASION TO PUBLICLY AND OFFICIALLY REITERATE THAT THE DIPLOMATIC PERSON REFERRED TO IS "PERSONA GRATA," THAT SAME NEWSPAPER AGAIN CREATES NEW SPECULATIONS WHICH CAN ONLY CONTRIBUTE TO THE WORSENING RELATIONS BETWEEN FRIENDLY COUNTRIES.

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"THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL COMMUNICATIONS VEHEMENTLY DIS-

APPROVES VENTURES OF THIS NATURE WHICH ARE SUBJECT BESIDES TO JUDICIAL PROCESS ACCORDING TO THE LAW, URGING GOOD SENSE TO PREVAIL IN ORDER TO SAFEGUARD A REALLY FREE, ATTENTIVE AND DEMOCRATIC PRESS WHICH IN NO WAY EQUIVOCATES ON IRRESPONSIBLE AND UNFOUNDED SPECULATIONS."

2. EMBASSY HAS FILED FORMAL PROTEST NOTE.
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